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PRICE \$2 PER MONTH.

## SHIPPING.

### ARRIVALS.

May 17, ALTONIAN, British steamer, 1,611.  
Borneo, Nagasaki 12th May, General—  
RUSSELL & Co.  
May 17, DANUBE, British steamer, 569. F. W.  
Phillips, Hiphong 15th May, General—  
A. R. MARTY.  
May 18, ANGONA, British str., 1,888. W. J.  
Webber, Shanghai 15th May, Mails and  
General—P. & O. S. N. Co.  
May 18, ALWINKE, Geman str., 40. Samudra,  
Pekhoi 15th, and Hoilow 17th May, General—  
WILLER & Co.  
May 18, NICKAR, German steamer, 1,863. H.  
Schoepf, Bremen 4th April, and Singapor  
13th May, Mails and General—MELCHERS  
& Co.  
May 18, VIBAYAS, Spanish str., 40. J. de Ajus  
Bella, Manila 15th May, General—CHINESE  
May 18, PARSHAN, British str., 855. J. Young,  
Bengal, Ilti May, Rice—HOP HING  
HONG.

### CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOURMASTER'S OFFICE  
13TH MAY.  
Maelou, British str., for Singapore.  
Maria, German str., for Hiphong.  
Soochow, British str., for Hiphong.  
Velox, German str., for Chefoo.  
Mount Lebanon, American str., for Rajang.  
Almoner, British str., for New York.

### DEPARTURES.

May 15, KUMAMOTO MARU, Japanese str., for  
Kutobonato.  
May 15, CENTENNIAL, Amer. ship, for New  
York.  
May 15, CHINTU, British str., for Sydney.  
May 18, DRACHENFELS, German str., for Saigon.  
May 18, FERO, German str., for Whampoa.  
May 18, J. B. LAY, French str., for Toulon.  
May 18, VELOX, German str., for Chefoo.  
May 18, IRIS, British 3-m. sloop, for Singapor.

### PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.  
Per Donau, str., from Hiphong—Mr. and  
Mrs. D'Abadie, and Mr. Barier Chaffour,  
and 48 Chinese.  
Per Anzio, str., from Shanghai—For Hong  
kong—Miss. Fabre Mrs. de Souza, 2 infants  
and a maid—Miss. de Costa, 1 infant—Chinese  
deck—For Singapore—Miss. Drew, 1 infant—  
Lamp—Mr. D. Jackson, For London—Mrs.  
Ross, 2 infants, and a maid—Mrs. Darling, child  
2 infants, and a maid—Miss. D. Fabric, Miss. E.  
Fabric, and Miss. G. Shaw.  
Per Nechar, str., from Brunei—For Hong  
kong—Dr. Lampung, Capt. A. A. Bolton,  
Miss. C. Flinckens, Rev. Lee Kwang Yau,  
Wm. Smith, Dr. Wm. J. W. Miller,  
Moller, Gravell, B. Duff, Peter Thompson, P.  
d'Argonne, and W. Miller, and 270 Chinese  
from Singapore—For Shanghai—Mr. and Mrs.  
I. Voelkel, Miss. Dora Hobelmann, and Mr. Carl  
Mittel, For Yokohama—Mr. and Mrs. F.  
Kawamura, Dr. Nagara, G. P. Flotene, Miss  
Paula von Ziffen, Mrs. Barbara Blasch, Nakatsu  
Suzuki, Berndt, Liebeschki, and Gottlob Schuler.

### REPORTS.

The British steamer *Almoner*, from Naga  
saki 11th May, reports had light S.W. winds and  
thick fog.  
The British steamer *Danube*, from Hiphong  
15th May, reports had light S.W. winds and  
heavy rains from port to port.

The British steamer *Plymouth*, from Bangkok  
11th May, moderate S.E. wind and rain in Gulf  
of Siam; moderate S.W. monsoon in China Sea.

### BANK HOLIDAYS.

In accordance with Ordinance No. 6 of 1875,  
the Undermentioned Banks will be CLOSED  
for the Transaction of Public Business on  
MONDAY, the 21st Inst. (WHIT MONDAY), and  
TUESDAY, the 22d Inst. (QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY).

FOR THE CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK OF  
INDIA, LONDON, AND CHINA.

### JOHN THURURN,

Manager, Hongkong.

### T. H. WHITEHEAD,

Manager, Hongkong.

FOR THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING  
CORPORATION.

### T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager,  
FOR THE COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPT DE PARIS,  
J. ARRANGER,  
Acting Agent.

FOR THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

### E. W. RUTTER,

Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 18th May, 1888. 1985

### GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

A WARDMASTER is required at the  
GOVERNMENT CIVIL HOSPITAL.  
Emoluments of the office \$50 per month, rising  
by annual increments of \$5 to \$60, with Uniform,  
Furnished Quarters, Fuel, and Light.

Applications with testimonials to be forwarded  
to the COLONIAL SURGEON not later than the  
21st instant, at the GOVERNMENT CIVIL  
HOSPITAL.

By Command

### FREDERICK STEWART,

Colonial Secretary,  
Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 2nd May, 1888. 1981

### NOTICE.

A NOTICE is hereby given that the AN  
NUAL GENERAL MEETING of the  
VICTORIA HEDDINGIANA SOCIETY will be held  
on TUESDAY, the 22nd inst., at 4 o'clock P.M.,  
at the CITY HALL, to nominate a Member of the  
Chamber to take the place of the Hon. A. P.  
MACEWEN in the Legislative Council, during  
his absence from the Colony.

By Order,

### H. U. JEFFRIES,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 14th May, 1888. 1980

### NOTICE.

A NOTICE is hereby given that the THIRD  
ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the  
COLONIAL SURGEON'S SOCIETY will be held  
on THURSDAY, the 31st of May, 1888, at 4 P.M.,  
in the HEDDINGIANA SOCIETY'S ROOMS, within  
the Colony, for the purpose of receiving and  
adopting the Directors' Report and Accounts,  
electing Directors and Auditors, and transacting  
the Ordinary Business of the Company.

Dated at Yokohama this 7th day of May, 1888.

### A. D. GOURDIN,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 10th May, 1888. 1915

### NOTICE.

A NOTICE is hereby given that the FOURTH  
ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the  
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Dated at Yokohama this 7th day of May, 1888.

### J. DONALDSON,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 9th May, 1888. 1900

### NOTICE.

A NOTICE is hereby given that the FIFTH  
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### J. DONALDSON,

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Hongkong, 9th May, 1888. 1901

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A NOTICE is hereby given that the SIXTH  
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### J. DONALDSON,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 9th May, 1888. 1902

### NOTICE.

A NOTICE is hereby given that the SEVENTH  
ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the  
COLONIAL SURGEON'S SOCIETY will be held  
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### J. DONALDSON,

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Hongkong, 9th May, 1888. 1903

### NOTICE.

A NOTICE is hereby given that the EIGHTH  
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Dated at Yokohama this 7th day of May, 1888.

### J. DONALDSON,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 9th May, 1888. 1904

### NOTICE.

A NOTICE is hereby given that the NINTH  
ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the  
COLONIAL SURGEON'S SOCIETY will be held  
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Dated at Yokohama this 7th day of May, 1888.

### J. DONALDSON,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 9th May, 1888. 1905

### NOTICE.

A NOTICE is hereby given that the TENTH  
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### J. DONALDSON,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 9th May, 1888. 1906

### NOTICE.

A NOTICE is hereby given that the ELEVENTH  
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COLONIAL SURGEON'S SOCIETY will be held  
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### J. DONALDSON,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 9th May, 1888. 1907

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### J. DONALDSON,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 9th May, 1888. 1908

### NOTICE.

A NOTICE is hereby given that the THIRTEENTH  
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### J. DONALDSON,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 9th May, 1888. 1909

### NOTICE.

A NOTICE is hereby given that the FOURTEENTH  
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Dated at Yokohama this 7th day of May, 1888.

## INTIMATIONS.

NOW READY. 1888.

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THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,

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Hongkong, 24 May, 1888.

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BIRTH.

At Shanghai, on the 12th May, the wife of EWEN

CASHIOW, Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, of whom

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, MAY 10TH, 1888.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE "DAILY PRESS."]

LONDON, 15th May.

LORD WOLSELEY AT THE ARMY.

In the House of Lords, Lord Wolseley main-

tained that the Military forces were inadequate

to secure the safety of the country or even of

London. He stated that the numerical strength

of the Army was twenty thousand below what it

was in 1860, and that he had often been tem-

pted to resign but restrained, as such a step would be

unconscionable.

A newspaper says:—"At Wenzhou outside the

Three-conquer'd Gate there is a Buddhist mu-

nastery called 'The Pure Food'." On the 17th of

last month five or six wintering Hindus armed

with daggers knocked down the men who had

been sent to arrest them and caused them some tea.

The Hindus, fearing that the police would

fire upon them, fled to their kitchen to hide.

The Hindus, having arched, tied up

and gagged the Hindus, and then made a clean

sweep of everything of any value which they

could lay their hands on, both in the poor mu-

nastery and in the Temple. The next day the

neighbours, hearing a rumour of the robbery,

sent the Tipu to make a investigation, with a

view of reporting the police, but the Hindus, fearing the expense of the Tipu, begged

the master might be kept a secret if possible.

The tea market at Hankow opened on the 12th

instant without any excitement, only about 100

hundred chests being taken up, paid for

one-half gold and one-half silver, to 10d.

silver, and up to 2d. for a few chosen

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This year's tea is said to be

superior to last year's.

The Hankow cor-

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## NEWS FOR THE ENGLISH MAIL.

## LATE TELEGRAMS.

BOMBAY, 20th April.

A special telegram says that a bill introduced in the Legislative Assembly is supporting Abulf Husk, and demands evidence of the charges against him. It declares this is an intrigue to ruin him, in consequence of his having pressed for a holder policy than the Minister's.

The Company's shares have fallen, notably since a telegram from Mr. Furnivall that the Native Government is supporting the Company. Mr. Lawrence and Mr. Basil Lang, two leading Barristers in Bombay, have been retained by Abulf Husk to present his case, and Mr. Jardine has been retained by the Hyderabad Government. In London the Hyderabad Government is represented by the Attorney-General.

BOMBAY, 20th April.

Private telegraphic intelligence received in Bombay says Emperor Frederick's name is now presumed to be non-existent, and there is therefore a fair prospect of recovery.

BOMBAY, 1st May.

A London telegram to the Bombay Gazette says the following are the probable starters for the Derby:—Frits' Balsam, Osary, Orby, Ayshire, Johny, Morgan, Baslebach, Crowder, and, although Marston, Arundel, and Simon, Potts. All prophetic plump Frits' Balsam. The betting is as follows:—Bet one to one on Frits' Balsam; two to one against Ayshire; one to one against Crowder, and three to one against Osary.

Reviewing the sentence of six months imprisonment for embezzlement passed by the Magistrate on James Grant, late manager of the Kwai-ki branch of the Bank of Bombay, the High Court today ruled, with some hesitation, that where a person is guilty of a public wrong, his right to be dealt with by the Magistrate before whom he was tried, he could not assert it at any subsequent stage. He therefore lost all the benefit of the special procedure provided for him, including the right to have past proceedings reviewed by the Presidency High Court. If another court exercised the high court's jurisdiction in a case other than those against British subjects, the Magistrate would have the right to apply to the High Court to review the proceedings in the case, and the High Court would not interfere.

CALCUTTA, 1st May.

Mr. Dalgleish, the well known Central Asia traveller, has been shot between Karakorum and Kharaiwala on the way to Yarkund, by a Kalan (tribe). Mr. Dalgleish's life is spared, though his subject would have the right to apply to the High Court to review the proceedings in the case, and the High Court would not interfere.

LONDON, 1st May.

It is reported that Archbishop Moran, who is now in Sydney, will replace Archbishop Walsh in Dublin.

CALCUTTA, 2nd May.

A fire broke out last night about 8 o'clock, in the block of warehouses on the jetties belonging to the Port Commissioners, in which large quantities of gunpowder, gunnies, and other merchandise are stored. The fire was extinguished this afternoon; but the place is gutted, and the building had many brick walls and the floors, girders, and beams were of iron, which prevented the fire spreading to the other blocks. The outer walls seem unharmed and probably the roof is only slightly damaged. The origin of the fire is unknown, but it is thought to be due to spontaneous combustion caused by some gunpowder being damp when stored. The loss cannot be stated yet, but probably may exceed two lakhs of rupees.

CALCUTTA, 3rd May.

The damage done by the fire at the jetties is between four and five lakhs. Messrs. Andrew, Yule and Company; Finlay, Muir and Company; and Hoare, Miller and Company are the chief sufferers, but most of the loss falls upon insurance companies. A very large quantity of yarn was destroyed, and as the stock in Calcutta is small, a panic is created. The fire originated in the lower floor where gunnies were stored. The police and fire brigade by their prompt and energetic action saved immense quantities of goods and confined the fire to one block. Gangs of coolies worked all night removing packages, most of which are damaged by water.

LONDON, 3rd May.

Trade for the new Indian sterling loan amounts to £10,000,000. The bids at 6s 3d and 7s 2d will receive sixty-eight per cent above in full.

The Nationalist papers resent the Pope's meddling in politics, and declare that the Brief will have no result.

The conflicts between Christians and Mussulmans in Crete and various differences connected with Macedonia, are causing great tension between Greece and Turkey.

ROMA, 3rd May.

The injuries suffered by the Duke of Naples during the artillery practice on Tuesday last, are of the slightest nature, and his Royal Highness will soon be able to take part in the practice.

Archbishop Walsh will remain in Dublin.

LONDON, 4th May.

The Italian Parliament to-day signed a Bill making it illegal to import Abyssinian slaves. The Premier said that Italy was not entitled to possession of Soudi, but on the other hand, will demand from King John a section of his territory beyond the present Italian position.

BOMBAY, 4th May.

The Nizam's Government will be represented in the inquiry in London into the Dacca mining scandal by Madihi Ali, who leaves by to-day's mail steamer.

LONDON, 4th May.

Mr. Stanhope introduced a Bill extending the powers of the Government in calling out the Volunteers and Yeomanry and requisitioning transport in case of emergency. The Bill was read the first time.

LONDON, 5th May.

The Emperor has appointed the Duke of Connaught to the Command of the third regiment of Hussars.

PARIS, 6th May.

The chartered steamer Colombo has arrived at Port Said, in the Red Sea. No serious damage has been sustained, and it is expected that she will be floated. All the crew and passengers are safe.

PARIS, 6th May.

The municipal elections have taken place in all the communes of France except Paris. The Councils elected are, in the great majority of cases, Republicans.

LONDON, 6th May.

Owing to the determined attitude of the leaders of the National League, the Pope has directed M. Poncet to obtain the signature of the Bishops regarding the recent Papal Brief.

Mr. Dillon, speaking at Dordogna, violently condemned the decree, stating that the people of Ireland desire to accept the political control of a foreign power.

LONDON, 6th May.

Mr. Purnell has convinced that the Irish people will refuse to allow the Prelate's decree to stand. The party, however, has not concurred with the Plan of Campaign; that is, the latter is beaten. The League is not defeated; the Plan of Campaign pacified Ireland but the manner of working it caused passing concern.

The tension between Greece and Turkey has relaxed owing to the good offices of Sir William White.

LONDON, 10th May.

The Right Honourable Edward Stanhope has received an influential deputation of commerce interested in the national defence.

In replying, the Right Honourable gentleman reviewed the defensive measures adopted by Her Majesty's Government for the safety of the ports, notably those of London, and stated that the Government have resolved to organize a third class company of regulars and to be supported by volunteers, and, towards, the Government relying largely upon the patriotism of the latter body.

MELBOURNE, 10th May.

I telegraphed on 8th May. Since I received your telegram of same date, to which I replied, My Government's new policy has been adopted, on the 1st of April, of existing law but with the desire should be carried out in a manner to obviate as far as possible loss of convenience to British merchants or passengers.

LONDON, 11th May.

His Majesty is recovering his appetite.

All the Australian Colonies have refused to allow Chinese to land. New Zealand has proclaimed strict quarantine upon vessels from China ports.

LONDON, 14th May.

The British Government has assumed the protection of North Borneo.

Mr. John Dillon has been sentenced to 6 months' imprisonment.

Mr. T. HUNTERREY'S seconded.

Friar Balsam has been scratched for the Derby and the Grand Prix de Paris.

London, 1st May.—A special report says that a bill introduced in the House of Commons, protesting against the proposed number of a division of Parliament as tending to cause a panic, and with regard to the allegations as to the unpreparedness of the Army and Navy, has asserted that preparations are being continually made, but that of his having pressed for a holder policy than the Minister's.

**IMPORTANT LAND SALES, IN HONGKONG.**

Nine lots of land were sold by auction on the 1st May at the Company's Office, No. 33, Queen's Road, Central. There were present Messrs. J. D. C. Brougham (Chairman), J. S. Hagen, O. H. Marcell, and J. Willmott (Secretary).

The annual general meeting of the shareholders of the above Company was held on the 1st May at the Company's Office, No. 33, Queen's Road, Central. There were present Messrs. G. H. Wheeler, E. O. Arbutnott (Directors), J. M. Young, R. McLean, J. R. Michael, J. Best, J. J. Jackson, C. Bishop, W. W. Dohmen, H. L. Smith, W. Walker, R. Francis, W. W. Clifford, C. Welch, D. Young, representing in all 4,524 shares.

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The N. C. Daily News of the 19th instant says:—“We hear there was a serious disturbance on board the British steamer *Britishia* while on the voyage up from Hongkong, and that Captain Withcombe, her commander, is lying in the General Hospital, to which he was brought yesterday morning, suffering from the effects of a blow on the head, the crew, we believe, having been struck by a stone. A number of persons and their crews are absent at Siam dimanias, the officer alone being British. The particulars of the affair will no doubt come to light in the Police Court.”

The *Courier* of the 10th instant says:—The C. M. S. N. Co.’s steamer *Kingston*, Captain Perkins, had a rather serious mishap on her last trip down from Hongkong. While running from Kowloon to Whampoa, on the 1st April, she met a large salt-junk bound up river. It was then about half past eight o’clock in the evening. The steamer tried to avoid the junk by steaming inshore close to the bank, but the junk closed in upon her, and when the steamer was not more than fifty yards from the bank, the junk ran with all sails set into her, striking the *Kingston* forward of the wheel. The iron works, as is invariably the case before such an accident, were soon at work repairing the damage. After the work was closed, and without mentioning the matter to any of the managers in charge, the crew of the launch took the vessel out entirely on their own responsibility, with the result that the tube-pipe blew out under a pressure of only 115 lbs. One of the crew was killed almost immediately, one has since died, and but small efforts are entertained for the recovery of the others.

The *Evening Standard* of the 10th instant says:—“In consequence of an accident, a sedan, down, and it was said, broke off. Boots from the steamer and also from the junk were very quickly in the water, and the impression prevailed that all the people on board the junk had been rescued, but we hear that an official report has been made to the effect that four persons were drowned. The junk had no fixed lights, but exhibited some light on deck, so that in this case it is difficult to blame for the collision, and it is to be hoped that the junkmen on the Yangtze will benefit by the experience gained. It is also reported that one of the Northern steamers has been in collision with a junk in the Peiho, and that the damage and loss of cargo amounts to Ts. 25,000.”

## KIUKLUNG.

The N. C. Daily News says the Kiu-kiang tea market was opened on the 8th instant. Tea-grams received from Hankow say it was expected the market there would be opened on the 10th.

## CHUNGKING.

The Mercury says:—All is now perfectly quiet at Chungking. Building operations are about to commence, to replace the missing buildings, and much of the material has already been collected. Work on the Catholic church is going on in a small way. I understand that work will begin in earnest as soon as the prelectural examinations, which are going on, are over. That there is a great deal of building in progress, and of talk of demonstration on their part against the missionaries, should there be any, it would doubtless be suppressed at once, for the officials are not in the mood to tolerate anything of the kind just now. I am also informed that three or four officials have been appointed to supervise the building operations and keep order, which they will doubtless do effectively.

## TIENTSIN.

We (*Chinese Times*) hear from Port Arthur that the powerful pumps there have already proved themselves able to cope with the leakage in the basin, and the water has been lowered by some inches already. However, it is expressed that the leak may be found manageable, and after a time, get rid of.

The Tientsin correspondent of the *Mercury* says:—“From Kieng-pen I hear that the water in flooded parts has risen several feet, and that the people have taken to the hills. This goes to prove that the gap is far from closed; and that the spring water is still flowing, and the water is rising through the gaps. It must also be felt in Anhwei.” The *Chinese Times* says:—“Strangers’ efforts are being made night and day to close the great breach in the southern bank of the Hsiung-ho, but, as might be expected, examination shows that the embankments on both sides of the river are, generally, in a very unsound condition; and that, probably, if the great breach is not closed, the water will be made. It is said in another section of the northern bank, in particular, is in very precarious state.”

The Tientsin correspondent of the *Mercury* writes:—“The Tientsin Chinese Associated Syndicate are in high glee; they say they have secured the Anglo-Chinese Bank with Mr. Chin as comprador at Peking, and Mr. Wu-hou and Mr. Tong at Shanghai.” The same correspondent says:—“Our grain dealers have had schemes of their own: banks, bars, guns, machinery of all kinds, strengthening the Taku Bar to allow the passage of vessels drawing 20 feet in winter as well as in summer; the latter to be done for the moderate sum of Ts. 350,000. Each argued for his own proposal against the others, with the result that they have left no better than they came.”

## PEKING.

A native paper reports that on the 2nd May the Empress proceeded to select a number of damsels from the daughters of noblemen for those of the youthful Emperor of Peking. The *Standard* reports the following:—“A foreigner was trotting along on a donkey outside the Tung-an Gate, when the little animal suddenly slipped into a mire and deposited the cavalier on his back in the mud. The irate foreigner began to beat the unfortunate donkey-man with his fist and dragged him into a guard house, and received his fare, \$90 cash, justice was satisfied, and the crowd dispersed.”

The *Chinese Times* says:—On Tuesday, the 9th instant, the Marchioness Tseng is giving a reception to the whole Peking community to show the wedding presents given on the occasion of the forthcoming marriage of her daughter, Lady Pei-hua, to Sir Sun Yat-sen, of Kwang-tung. Following the practice of the highest storkkeepers who visit us periodically, the invitation has been by circular, and it includes all foreigners excepting the Ministers. (Old things as we have seen, may be done in Peking, and nothing is thought here of cut-and-thrust manners!) No foreigners will be invited to the wedding feast. If the Chinese etiquette followed all the rules, he would be invited to remain in Peking for a day. On Tuesday, the 9th instant, some sixty lots of wedding presents came through the Legation-street, among them a great many foreign things, as clocks, lamps, table-covers, etc.

## NEWCHWANG.

We (*N. C. Daily News*) understand that Mr. H. J. Allen, H. M. Consul at Newchwang, who is now at home on leave, has sent in his resignation.

## JAPAN.

*YOKOHAMA.* A fire occurred on the evening of the 2nd inst. in Messrs. Rottman, Strone & Co.’s office, Yokohama, but was extinguished before any material damage was done.

The *Japan Herald* says:—As a proof of the march of civilization, we may note the interesting fact that last year no fewer than 3,000,000 cotton handkerchiefs were imported into Japan, principally from India.

The *Japan Herald*, in announcing the appointment of Mr. G. Jamison to be H. M.’s Acting Judge for the Court of Japan, says that Mr. Wilkinson, Crown Advocate at Shanghai, to whom the position was first offered, declined the same, a fact which is not much to be wondered at, as by accepting it, Mr. Wilkinson would have had to abandon all his private practice, which would have been too much of a sacrifice for an acting magistrate.

The *Japan Gazette* says:—We hear from Captain Williams of the steamer *Pembroke*, which arrived here on the 29th ult., from London and ports, that on the voyage from Hongkong, when in the Formosa Channel, on the 15th April, he encountered a thunderstorm in which the lightning was more vivid and severe than ever he had seen. The shock of electricity struck the ship, ripping up the swinging bench stanchions and smashing the wheel, besides furrowing deep indentations in the deck. The wind at the time was light and variable with rain and fog, and no sea on. The lowest reading of the Barometer during the storm was 29.50.

It is rumoured, says the *Japan Mail*, that the post of new *Ministry* Consul at Tokio has

vacated by the lamented death of Mr. Russell Brooks Robertson, is about to be offered to Mr. J. J. English, at present British Consul at Nagasaki. It is to be hoped that the rumour is true.

Certainly no better choice could be made, but only Mr. English is the possessor of many other claims, but his past career, his long experience, his disposition, and his well-known judgment warrant the belief that his promotion to Yokohama would be as much to the advantage of the service as it certainly would be popular with the whole foreign community.—The *Japan Gazette*, writing on the same subject, says:—“We are in a position to tell you officially, nothing is known of the change having been completed, but that it is very improbable that the post of British Consul at Yokohama will be permanently filled for some time to come.”

The *Japan Gazette* says:—An explosion took place on the evening of the 25th ult., on one of the launches belonging to the Kanagawa kenko, the steam-launch in question is the *Kanagawa*.

The *Japan Gazette* continues:—While running from Kowloon to Whampoa, the *Kanagawa* struck a rock, which sent a jagged piece of iron flying through the hull, causing a hole about two inches square, and which required a long time to repair at the Yokohama Iron Works.

The repairs, which included a new tube-stopper, were only completed on the 28th ult., none of the Japanese workmen knowing that the same were completed, nor had the tube-stopper been tested by the manager of the Yokohama Iron Works, as is invariably the case before leaving the port.

The *Japan Gazette* adds:—After the launch took the vessel to a bank, the junk closed in upon her, and when the steamer was not more than fifty yards from the bank, the junk ran with all sails set into her, striking the *Kanagawa* forward of the wheel.

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